lakh ha. And 2.38 lakh ha. respectively under field channels field drains and warabandi.

(d) The Programme is being monitored and reviewed periodically for accelerating the pace of implementation.

Increase in revenue from petroleum products

†* 326. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite low rate of tax on petroleum in the year 2005-06, the tax revenue is estimated to be rupees 5,115 crores;

(b) if not, what are Government's estimate in this regard, and whether this amount is more than the revenue amount of 4699 crore rupees in the year 2004-2005; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which the revenue amount during this year is more as compared to that of last year?

THE FINANCE MINISTER OF (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Budget estimates of revenue collection from customs and excise duties from all the commodities are made taking into account all material factors. Revenue collection is not estimated for individual commodities or commodity group separately. Revenue collection from customs and excise duties from petroleum sector during the period from April to January of 2005-06 *vis-a-vis* corresponding period last financial year was an under:

(*Rs. crore*)

	April-January(Provisional)	
	2004-05	2005-06
Total customs and excise revenue	45621	51428

New guidelines for penalties for adulteration in fuel by dealer/ petrol pumps

*327. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that penalties for adulteration in fuel by dealer/ petrol pump operators have been reduced/weakened under new guidelines;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) what were the penalities for adulteration earlier and what are they now; and

(c) what are the reasons for reducting them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The new Marketing Descipline Guidelines (MDG), 2005, effective from 1.08.2005, provide for the penalty of termination of dealerships for proven cases of adulteration at the first instance itself. The earlier guidelines of 2001, provided for a fine of Rs 20,000/- and suspension of sales and supplies of products for a period of 30 days at the first instance of proven cases of adulteration, and the penality of termination of dealership in proven cases of adulteration at the second instance.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) & (b) above.

Production of bio-diesel

*328. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider higher production of bio-diesel as substitute to petroleum, keeping in view the spiraling global petroleum prices;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the comparative cost of importing petroleum and producing bio-diesel;

(d) whether Government propose to encourgare R & D in inventing petroleum substitute;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the strategy to meet the future requirement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal Ministry for the proposed National Mission on bio-diesel, being set up with focus on large-scale plantation of Jatropha cultivation. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the National Mission on bio-diesel has been submitted by that Ministry to the Planning Commission, which *inter-alia,* envisages a Demonstration Project involving plantation of Jatropha in 4 lakh hectares